

The Zontiana



November 2016

Happy
Thanksgiving



Birthdays:

11/9: Theresa Baginski
11/13: Kellie Warner
11/16: Janet Lines from
11/18: Marcia Bliss
11/27: Kathy Stedman
11/28: Suellen Carlson

President's Message:

Official Fall Greetings to you all. October seemed reluctant to give up the warm temperatures but the frost on my windshield this morning signals that November knows better.

I had the chance to visit the Women's Rights National Historic Park and the National Women's Hall of Fame last week for the first time. What a timely reminder of the struggle of women to secure what we have in our lifetimes considered a basic right as an American citizen. A group of determined, accomplished and spirited women (as well as some enlightened and progressive men) joined together in Seneca Falls in 1848 for the first women's rights convention to have their voices heard. They produced the *Declaration of Sentiments*, which was signed by 68 women and 32 men, where they laid out the case for equal rights for all men *and women*. They called for not only the "inalienable right to the elective franchise" but also for equal property rights, the right to education and employment, among others. The full text of the Declaration is here: <https://www.nps.gov/wori/learn/historyculture/declaration-of-sentiments.htm>. The Declaration is inscribed on a monument at the park, along with the names of the signers. As we know, the struggle for the right to vote went on for many more years, finally being granted to all Americans in 1920. Thank goodness for those feisty women. The founding of Zonta in 1919 was certainly fostered by this movement. Marian De Forest was one of these women and of

course I had to walk down the street to the Women's Hall of Fame to see her plaque as a member of the Hall of Fame. The link to her bio is here: <https://www.womenofthehall.org/inductee/marian-de-forest/>.

I always try to remember the women who have gone before me when I think about my ability to play sports in high school, the fact that no one questioned my desire to go to college, and the advancements in my professional life. And I'll certainly appreciate my visit to Seneca Falls when I visit the polls next week. As Zontians, we know that spirit of the some 300 attendees of the first Seneca Falls Convention lives on as we work to empower women through service and advocacy.



I'm thinking field trip in the Spring...who's in?

Jill

Program: ZOTY

(PICTURED AT THE MARVIN HOUSE L-R: Danielle DeJoy Moss, Zontian of the Year - Bonnie DeJoy, Friends: Bill Burley, Marcia Hern and Scott Mekus)



JAMESTOWN: Wednesday, October 19th, The Zonta Club of Jamestown announced their Zontian of the Year: Bonnie DeJoy. A member since 2006, Bonnie was president of the Zonta Club of Jamestown from 2013-2015. She is a Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Trinity Biotech USA, has a daughter, Danielle DeJoy Moss and two adopted dogs Teddy and Jackson.

"Active in the community and instrumental in many of Zonta's functions, Bonnie has supported and advocated for women locally and internationally. She was an organized and fantastic President. She's a solid communicator. She's a great representative to have from the U.S. We in Zonta are very proud of her and all her accomplishments," said Rosie Papalia, President Elect, Zonta Club of Jamestown and Chair of the Zontian of the Year program.

The program consisted of a somewhat visual biography of clues of the mystery Zontian of the Year's life. Getting more detailed toward the end with actual names and favorite stories from Bonnie's daughter and points of information from good friend Bill Burley.

Bonnie said, "Wow! I was so surprised and this is such an honor. It's what we do as an organization both locally and worldwide that means the most to me. We make a difference, sometimes in small ways and sometimes in some significant ways, but it all matters."



In The News:

A local service club, the Zonta Club of Jamestown, announces it's annual fundraiser has begun! The Zonta "Calendars of Cash" are currently being offered by all Zonta members for a \$20 donation. The calendars fund the various service projects of the club including: YWCA Team Program, The Princess Club, The Jamestown Boys and Girls Club, The Salvation Army Anew Center, several locally funded scholarships, and Zonta's successful women's outreach: "Lily's Hope" at the WCA Cancer Treatment Center, at Jones Memorial Health Center.

Lily's Hope provides free head coverings for local women going through any medical treatment where hair loss is evident. Also available are scarves, turbans, quilted bags and pillows which have been lovingly donated from the community.

Events Coming Up:



Zonta at the United Nations NY November 17th

We are pleased to confirm Zonta is once again partnering with League of Women Voters of New York to host a day at the UN Headquarters, New York on November 17th.

This year's briefing will include two topics: Sexual Violence in Conflict Areas and Anti-Terrorism.

The briefings will present information on the problems and the action being taken to assist in these global issue

As a co-sponsor, Zonta members are eligible for a discounted rate of \$115 (US) which includes a tour, lunch in the delegates lounge and two briefings. A bus from Albany or New Palz is available for an additional \$50 (US)

Deadline to register is **November 1st, 2016.**

Both of us are planning to attend and look forward to many of you joining us for this excellent event.

Sincerely, Kimberlee Johnston & Mary Vacanti

Zonta D4 UN co-chairs

You may register on the form attached (mail or scan) or with the electronic registration form https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/INvmPPc4Hpebf0PLNzaRnw

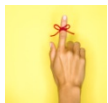


Celebrating 95 years:

Zonta Club of Jamestown Celebrates 95 Years this November

>

> The Zonta Club of Jamestown traces its beginnings to 1921 when an Albany Zontian visited the Jamestown City Clerk's office, which was staffed by Mary Bargar. Together with Marjorie Allen, a reporter for the Jamestown Morning Post, they discussed the possibility of establishing a club in Jamestown. On November 17, 1921, four women from Buffalo, including Marian de Forest, completed the final arrangements. On November 21, two years after the original nine clubs united, 19 women signed the Charter #12 and, before the year ended, 25 new members had joined. Marjorie Allen was elected the first president. The weekly Wednesday meetings were often held at the Samuel Hotel. There were many guest speakers who were well known in the community, including the Hon. Robert H. Jackson, Dr. Arthur Bestor of Chautauqua, Mayor Samuel Carlson, and Edith Ainge, who was one of the women who went to jail for picketing the White House for Women's Suffrage.



Don't Forget!

The Goods and Services auction on November 16th is always a lot of fun!

Zonta Club of Jamestown
www.zontajamestown.org
Jamestown@district4.org
PO Box 913 Jamestown, NY 14701